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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 184

By White

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Enoch Jackson Rinks of Savannah.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Enoch Jackson Rinks, the father of Representative Randy Rinks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rinks was an energetic and innovative businessman and consummate civic leader who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, E. J. Rinks was born July 27, 1928 in the Hooker's Bend community of Hardin County; he received his primary and secondary education at Saltillo School, graduating in 1944; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, Mr. Rinks joined the United States Army and served valiantly for two years in Korea during the conflict there; shortly after his discharge, he married Geneva Blount of Savannah, on November 2, 1952; and

WHEREAS, E. J. Rinks set his sights west, moving to Houston, Texas, where he worked for Shell Oil from 1952-61 and, in 1961, he and his brother-in-law, Ancil Blount, founded B & R Lumber Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rinks became an active part of the Savannah-Hardin County business community, serving astutely as a member of the Hardin County Commission, the Savannah Industrial Board, as a Board Member of the First Federal Savings and Loan, now known as Central Bank, and as a founding Board Member of the Quinco Mental Health Center; and

WHEREAS, E. J. Rinks' boundless energy found outlet through his membership in such service organizations as the Pickwick Shrine Club and the Savannah Masonic Lodge, Al Chymia Temple, as a Scottish Rite Mason; he enjoyed the fellowship of turkey and duck hunting and was an enthusiastic member of the Crumrod Hunting Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rinks was a staunch supporter of the athletic programs of the University of Tennessee; he was an active and devout member of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, E. J. Rinks was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; the fruits of that devotion are manifested in the character of the descendants he leaves behind; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rinks enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Geneva; they were the proud parents of Randy and Buddy Rinks, and doting grandparents to Dana Rinks Butler and Mandi, Enoch, Emily, Ethan and Emma Rinks; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rinks leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; his many contributions to his community will not soon be forgotten by all who worked with him, knew him or were befriended by him; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional civic leader, public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Enoch Jackson Rinks, reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living an exemplary life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of E. J. Rinks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.